

Troopers Investigating Robbery at New Castle Area Motel



New Castle (19720) – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating an incident at a New Castle area motel in which the victim was pistol whipped and robbed.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:16 p.m., Sunday, August 5, 2018 at the Best Knight Inn located at 1200 West Avenue, New Castle. A 30 year old Claymont man was on a second floor balcony of the motel when he was confronted by a suspect who was armed with a handgun. The suspect proceeded to strike the victim in the head and face with the handgun and then took an undisclosed amount of money from him before fleeing. The victim was treated at the Christiana Hospital for lacerations to his head and face.

Through further investigation Troopers obtained a search warrant for one of the motel rooms, resulting in the recovery of a fully loaded Smith & Wesson .38 revolver which is believed to be the weapon used in the assault.

The suspect was described as a black male, 40 years of age, 5'9", 175-200 lbs.,

No surveillance images are available at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8566.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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